IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Michael R.S. Hill et al. Examiner: F. Oropeza

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Title: CLOSED LOOP NEUROMODULATION FOR PREVENTION AND

TREATMENT OF CARDIAC CONDITIONS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated 14 March 2006 which set a three-month period for reply, the Amendment after Final is submitted in advance of the expiration of two-months from the mailing of said final Office Action.

This Amendment after Final is submitted in an attempt to place the application in condition for allowance without raising additional issues or requiring additional search of the subject matter claimed. In the event that the Examiner does not issue a Notice of Allowance in response to the submission, Applicants respectfully request that the finality of the instant Office Action be reconsidered so that prosecution of the claimed subject matter may continue in due course.

Please enter and consideration the following amendments and remarks in the above-captioned application.